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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA VISIT TO CHILE

REF: A) SANTIAGO 3017, B) MEXICO 4446

1. VISIT OF MEXICAN FON MINISTER HAS DOMINATED CHILEAN NEWS MEDIA, BUT TIGHT SECURITY AROUND VISIT MADE ARRIVAL ALMOST COMPLETE SURPRISE AND NO RPT NO SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION ON CONTENT OF TALKS HAS SURFACED. RABASA APPARENTLY LEAVES THIS AFTERNOON, MAY 31.

2. RABASA, ACCOMPANIED BY PRIVATE SECRETARY GONZALEZ PARRODI AND RAUL VALDEZ, DESCRIBED AS CHIEF MEXICAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, ARRIVED EARLY AFTERNOON MAY 30 BY COMMERCIAL FLIGHT AND WENT INTO CLOSED SESSIONS WITH FON MINISTER HUERTA. CHILEAN PRESS HAS FEATURED STORY, EMPHASIZING SUDDEN AND SECRET NATURE OF VISIT AT GOM INITIATIVE, AND HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MEXICAN-CHILEAN RELATIONS. RABASA INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE LEAVING, PRESUMABLY AFTER SEEING PINOCHET THIS AFTERNOON.

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3. COMMENT: GOC WILL OF COURSE BE PLEASED IF RABASA

VISIT FORESHADOWS WARMING OF CHILEAN-MEXICAN
RELATIONS, WHICH MEXICANS HAVE K STURBED#BY RATHER

HARSH AND NASTY CONDUCT (E.G. FOOT-DRAGGING ON ISSUANCE
OF VISAS TO CHILEANS EVEN INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC
PERSONNEL; ALLEGED EMPLOYMENT OF CHILEAN REFUGEES
AS GOM ADVISERS; OVERT SYMPATHY FOR THESE REFUGEES;
PUBLIC CRITICISM OF GOC BY GOM OFFICIALS; WIDE AND
ADVERSE PUBLICITY RE RECENT SCHERER ARTICLES ON
TORTURE, ETC.) IF VISIT IS SUCCESSFUL, IT WOULD NOT
BE SURPRISING SEE EARLY DEPARTURE MANY OR ALL OF 69
ASYLEES STILL IN MEXICAN EMBASSY (MANY ONLY RECENTLY
ADMITTED) AS PEACE OFFER BY GOC -- ASSUMING VISIT IS
INDEED PEACE MISSION. HOWEVER, GROUP PHOTO OF MINISTERS
AND AIDES FRONTPAGED IN MERCURIO IS CLASSIC OF STERN,
DISTANT, AND WARY POSING.
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